

HELL'S SPELLS

Chapter 1 Study Guide: "The Rise of the Hater"
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I. Satan Is Real — Not a Symbol

Satan is not folklore.
He is not a cartoon character in a red suit.
He is not a metaphor for evil.

He is real.
He is sinister.
He is diabolical.

1 Peter 5:8

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."

Teaching Points:

- The word adversary means opponent in a lawsuit — one who builds a case against you.
- Satan is active ("walketh about").
- He is aggressive ("roaring lion").
- He is intentional ("seeking whom he may devour").
- Spiritual warfare is not imaginary — it is strategic.

II. The Tragedy of Unbelieving Believers

One of the greatest tragedies of our time is a church filled with people who selectively believe Scripture.

- They believe in heaven, but not hell.
- They believe in angels, but not demons.
- They believe in blessings, but not judgment.

Teaching Points:

- Partial belief produces powerless Christianity.
- If you remove hell, you reduce urgency.
- If you remove the devil, you remove accountability for spiritual vigilance.
- Biblical literacy protects spiritual stability.

You cannot defeat an enemy you refuse to acknowledge.

III. Know Your Adversary

The longer we live, the more we see that the enemy has schemes beyond surface temptation.

Teaching Points:

- Satan studies patterns.
- He attacks identity before behavior.
- He whispers before he roars.
- He targets worship, purpose, and authority.
- His strategy is deception, not just destruction.

Ignorance of his tactics empowers his influence.

IV. The Saga of Satan

Ezekiel 28:12–18

“Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.

Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God...

Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth...

Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee...

Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness...

I will cast thee to the ground...”

Teaching Points:

- Satan was created — not eternal.
- He was full of wisdom and beauty — not inherently evil.
- He held a position of proximity to God (“anointed cherub that covereth”).
- Iniquity was “found” in him — sin originated internally.
- Pride corrupted wisdom.
- His fall was self-induced, not imposed.

Satan’s fall was not due to weakness — but rebellion.

V. An Ugly Occurrence in a Beautiful Place

Ezekiel 28:17

“Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness...”

Teaching Points:

- Pride can grow in places of privilege.
- Beauty and gifting do not guarantee humility.
- Corruption begins internally before it manifests externally.
- The heart is the battlefield of downfall.

Lucifer did not fall because of environment —
He fell because of elevation without humility.

VI. The Beginning of the End

Isaiah 14:12–14

“How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!
... For thou hast said in thine heart,
I will ascend into heaven,
I will exalt my throne above the stars of God...
I will be like the most High.”

Teaching Points:

- Pride speaks internally before it acts externally.
- The five “I wills” reveal self-exaltation.
- Pride is dethroning God in the heart.
- Rebellion begins with misplaced ambition.

The day Lucifer lifted his heart against God
was the beginning of his destruction.

VII. Pride and the Warning to Humanity

Satan’s downfall was pride.

Pride says:

- “I deserve.”
- “I am better.”
- “I know more.”

- “I don’t need God.”

True worship says:

Revelation 4:11

“Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.”

Teaching Points:

- Worship dethrones pride.
- Pride competes with God’s glory.
- We exist for His pleasure — not our platform.
- Humility sustains what pride destroys.

The caution:

If pride ruined a cherub, it can ruin a human.

VIII. Satan’s Self-Destruction

Satan’s rebellion did not change God.
It revealed God.

Worship does not change God — it reveals Him.

Teaching Points:

- God remained sovereign after Lucifer fell.
- Heaven did not collapse when rebellion occurred.
- God’s throne is not threatened by defiance.
- Satan’s rebellion exposed his limitations.

Sin always overestimates itself.
God never loses authority.

IX. The Rise of the Hater

Genesis 1:26

“And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion...”

Teaching Points:

- Humanity was created in God's image.
- Humanity was given dominion.
- What Satan lost in rebellion, humanity received in creation.

Satan hates you because:

1. Every time he sees you, he sees God's image.
2. You were given dominion he forfeited.
3. When you worship, you fulfill the purpose he abandoned.

Supporting Scriptures

Matthew 5:14–15

“Ye are the light of the world... Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel...”

You shine where he fell.

Revelation 5:9–10

“Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God...
And hast made us unto our God kings and priests...”

You were redeemed into royalty.

John 3:26

“He must increase, but I must decrease.”

Humility sustains destiny.

1 John 3:1

“Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God...”

Identity provokes the enemy.

Luke 19:41

“And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it...”

Jesus weeps over what Satan wants to destroy.

Romans 8:31–39 (Summary Teaching)

- If God is for us, who can be against us?
- Nothing can separate us from His love.
- Not death.
- Not angels.
- Not principalities.
- Not powers.

The hater cannot cancel the loved.

Conclusion Summary

Friday Study – “The Rise of the Hater”

This chapter reveals:

- Satan is real.
- His fall began with pride.
- His rebellion was self-inflicted.
- Worship exposes his defeat.
- Humanity bears the image he tried to rival.
- His hatred flows from lost position and forfeited purpose.

He hates:

- Your image.
- Your authority.
- Your worship.
- Your redemption.
- Your identity.

But his hatred does not determine your destiny.

You were created in God’s image.

You were redeemed by Christ’s blood.

You were sealed by the Spirit.

You are loved with everlasting love.

The rise of the hater
does not equal the fall of the believer.

Because what he lost through pride,
you gain through humility.

And what he forfeited through rebellion,
you secure through worship

